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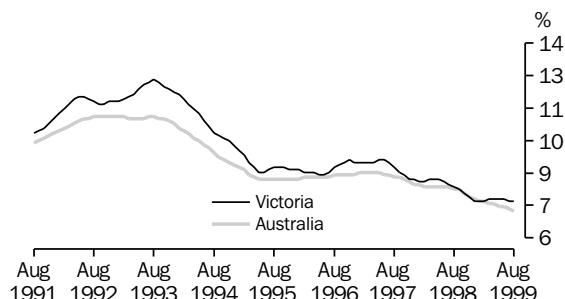
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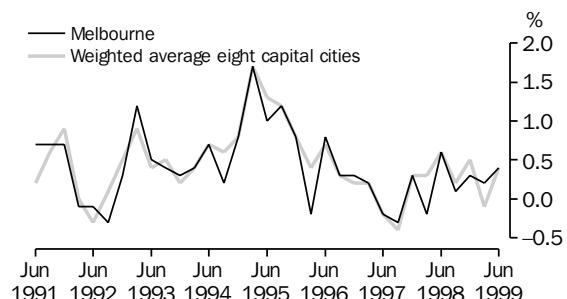
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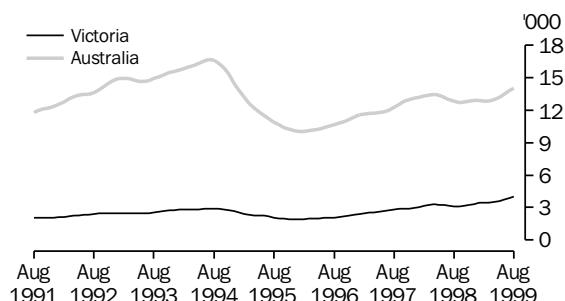
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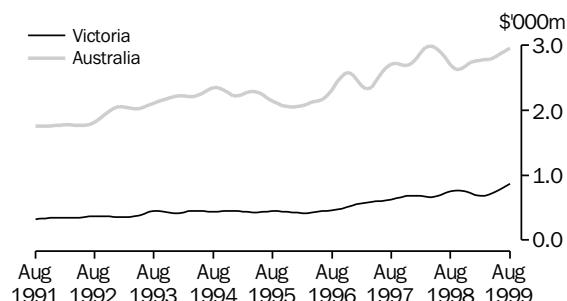
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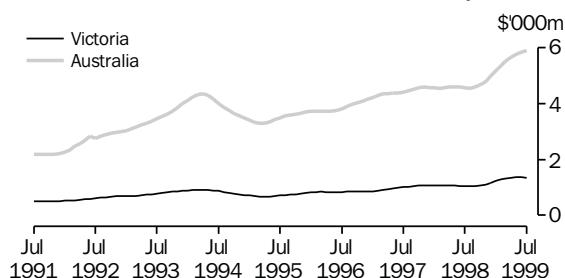
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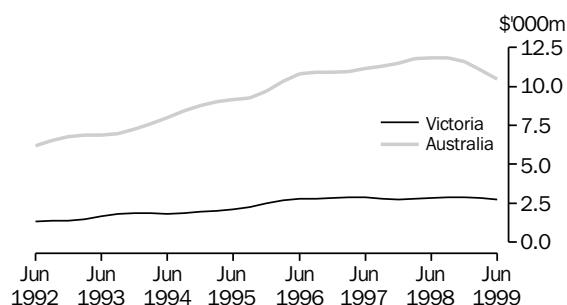
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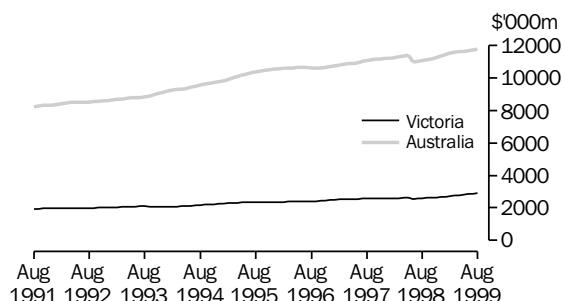
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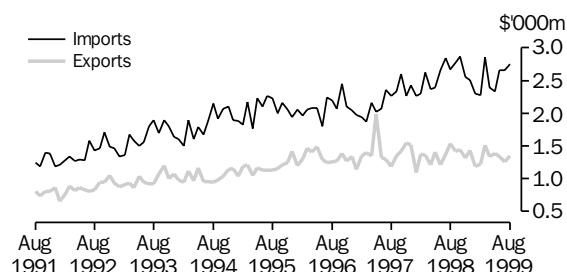
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98 r	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 371.3
1997						
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr r	2 281.9	2 336.0	4 617.8	6.1	12.6	..
December qtr r	2 286.3	2 341.1	4 627.4	7.4	9.6	..
1998						
March qtr r	2 295.3	2 348.9	4 644.3	7.4	16.9	..
June qtr r	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	6.8	10.7	..
September qtr r	2 308.2	2 360.8	4 669.0	6.4	14.1	..
December qtr r	2 315.3	2 368.6	4 683.8	6.6	14.8	..
1999						
March qtr p	2 324.6	2 376.8	4 701.4	6.9	17.6	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Deaths (including infant deaths)		Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	Births	no.							
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98 p	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86
1997									
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr r	15 437	9 344	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr r	15 259	7 813	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997	r 60 610	r 32 760	25 456	12 463	r 13.16	7.11	5.53	2.71	r 4.82
1998									
March qtr r	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr r	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 550	9 131	r 3 912	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 193	8 614	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998 p r	60 190	33 011	26 372	12 307	12.93	7.09	5.67	2.64	5.15
1999									
March qtr p	13 492	6 618	8 659	2 534	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate						
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time											
MALES															
1998															
June	1 052.4	1 218.1	92.6	12.4	105.0	1 323.2	487.8	1 810.9	7.9	73.1					
July	1 059.9	1 217.4	89.3	13.7	103.0	1 320.5	492.4	1 812.8	7.8	72.8					
August	1 050.0	1 206.8	87.4	16.5	103.9	1 310.8	504.0	1 814.8	7.9	72.2					
September	1 073.4	1 236.2	88.0	18.5	106.5	1 342.7	474.0	1 816.7	7.9	73.9					
October	1 062.5	1 218.4	81.4	17.5	98.9	1 317.3	501.9	1 819.2	7.5	72.4					
November	1 056.5	1 218.9	83.3	13.9	97.2	1 316.1	505.5	1 821.6	7.4	72.3					
December	1 076.5	1 237.3	80.7	19.3	100.0	1 337.3	486.8	1 824.1	7.5	73.3					
1999															
January	1 061.1	1 219.8	89.0	17.0	106.0	1 325.9	500.4	1 826.2	8.0	72.6					
February	1 085.5	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4					
March	1 083.1	1 238.3	81.9	17.1	99.0	1 337.4	493.2	1 830.5	7.4	73.1					
April	1 065.9	1 229.7	91.6	19.7	111.3	1 341.0	491.9	1 832.9	8.3	73.2					
May	1 065.2	1 220.4	88.8	21.9	110.7	1 331.1	504.2	1 835.3	8.3	72.5					
June	1 072.6	1 248.4	87.4	11.5	98.8	1 347.2	490.4	1 837.7	7.3	73.3					
July	1 082.6	1 243.2	80.7	14.8	95.5	1 338.7	501.3	1 840.0	7.1	72.8					
August	1 072.4	1 225.7	80.3	18.1	98.4	1 324.2	518.2	1 842.3	7.4	71.9					
FEMALES															
1998															
June	524.3	945.7	53.1	30.8	83.9	1 029.6	862.8	1 892.3	8.1	53.9					
July	536.9	944.8	54.0	29.0	83.0	1 027.8	866.5	1 894.3	8.1	54.4					
August	537.9	954.2	50.4	31.0	81.4	1 035.7	860.6	1 896.3	7.9	54.3					
September	535.2	957.8	58.2	32.0	90.2	1 048.0	850.2	1 898.2	8.6	54.6					
October	530.6	942.7	47.3	27.1	74.4	1 017.2	883.4	1 900.6	7.3	55.2					
November	520.1	941.0	49.8	27.2	77.0	1 017.9	885.0	1 902.9	7.6	53.5					
December	543.7	954.0	48.4	27.0	75.4	1 029.4	875.9	1 905.3	7.3	54.0					
1999															
January	533.9	915.4	52.2	24.0	76.2	991.6	915.7	1 907.2	7.7	52.0					
February	531.6	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2					
March	525.8	936.6	48.1	32.2	80.3	1 016.9	894.3	1 911.2	7.9	53.2					
April	520.0	936.8	45.6	28.2	73.8	1 010.6	902.9	1 913.5	7.3	52.8					
May	520.3	940.0	43.5	28.0	71.5	1 011.5	904.4	1 915.9	7.1	52.8					
June	523.6	951.8	44.5	25.1	69.6	1 021.4	896.8	1 918.2	6.8	53.2					
July	542.5	963.3	38.6	35.3	73.9	1 037.2	883.4	1 920.6	7.1	54.0					
August	527.8	953.3	38.4	29.0	67.4	1 020.6	902.3	1 922.9	6.6	53.1					
PERSONS															
1998															
June	1 576.7	2 163.8	145.7	43.2	188.9	2 352.7	1 350.5	3 703.2	8.0	63.5					
July	1 596.8	2 162.2	143.3	42.7	186.0	2 348.3	1 358.9	3 707.1	7.9	63.3					
August	1 587.9	2 161.1	137.8	47.5	185.4	2 346.4	1 364.6	3 711.0	7.9	63.2					
September	1 608.6	2 194.1	146.2	50.4	196.6	2 390.7	1 324.2	3 714.9	8.2	64.4					
October	1 593.0	2 161.1	128.7	44.6	173.3	2 334.5	1 385.3	3 719.7	7.4	62.8					
November	1 576.6	2 159.8	133.1	41.1	174.2	2 334.1	1 390.5	3 724.5	7.5	62.7					
December	1 620.2	2 191.3	129.2	46.3	175.4	2 366.7	1 362.6	3 729.4	7.4	63.5					
1999															
January	1 595.0	2 135.2	141.2	41.0	182.2	2 317.4	1 416.1	3 733.5	7.9	62.1					
February	1 617.1	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1					
March	1 609.0	2 175.0	130.0	49.3	179.3	2 354.3	1 387.5	3 741.8	7.6	62.9					
April	1 585.9	2 166.6	137.3	47.8	185.1	2 351.6	1 394.8	3 746.5	7.9	62.8					
May	1 582.8	2 160.3	132.3	49.9	182.2	2 342.6	1 408.6	3 751.2	7.8	62.4					
June	1 596.2	2 200.2	131.9	36.6	168.4	2 368.6	1 387.3	3 755.9	7.1	63.1					
July	1 625.1	2 206.5	119.4	50.1	169.4	2 375.9	1 384.6	3 760.6	7.1	63.2					
August	1 600.2	2 179.0	118.7	47.1	165.8	2 344.8	1 420.5	3 765.3	7.1	62.3					

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

Industry division	May 1998 '000	Aug 1998 '000	Nov 1998 '000	Feb 1999 '000	May 1999 '000	Aug 1999 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	61.7	52.0	51.8	57.9	58.6	56.3
Mining	*3.6	*2.2	5.3	*3.8	*3.1	*2.9
Manufacturing	243.4	247.1	244.3	259.0	241.9	236.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.7	13.8	12.0	13.4	14.4	13.9
Construction	128.9	127.2	132.1	125.7	130.1	133.8
Wholesale trade	104.9	99.2	85.8	86.5	81.6	88.6
Retail trade	151.2	152.4	165.1	170.1	166.0	161.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	39.8	41.2	39.9	42.4	41.7	40.0
Transport and storage	79.3	72.6	75.6	78.5	72.0	75.5
Communication services	22.3	25.1	26.4	28.5	27.8	27.9
Finance and insurance	40.3	43.9	50.4	45.4	43.4	36.8
Property and business services	135.6	149.7	148.4	138.3	154.3	162.2
Government administration and defence	36.2	35.9	31.4	28.6	28.8	27.7
Education	50.1	41.4	38.4	40.4	45.4	46.4
Health and community services	40.3	38.4	45.0	46.6	42.3	39.5
Cultural and recreational services	26.6	25.6	26.5	25.1	27.3	32.3
Personal and other services	45.7	39.3	40.3	41.2	41.5	43.4
Total	1 222.6	1 206.8	1 218.9	1 231.2	1 220.4	1 225.7
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	31.7	26.5	25.3	28.8	26.8	26.4
Mining	*0.3	*0.8	*0.2	*0.0	*0.3	*0.6
Manufacturing	98.4	95.3	91.4	98.3	98.1	94.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	*3.0	*3.7	*2.5	*2.7	*3.9	*3.0
Construction	13.7	17.6	18.2	16.5	17.2	17.3
Wholesale trade	40.8	46.7	40.6	40.2	42.8	46.1
Retail trade	157.5	156.5	161.5	167.6	168.5	174.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.2	49.2	49.9	43.8	44.6	47.0
Transport and storage	18.3	16.3	19.7	22.1	22.2	20.8
Communication services	12.5	13.9	13.2	10.9	14.0	14.1
Finance and insurance	48.4	54.9	51.2	45.1	37.3	39.7
Property and business services	108.9	108.4	112.1	108.0	108.9	123.6
Government administration and defence	35.8	40.2	40.5	38.2	38.7	38.6
Education	96.1	94.8	93.3	84.0	101.1	105.1
Health and community services	160.9	158.0	155.4	155.4	144.3	137.6
Cultural and recreational services	26.2	28.4	28.2	26.2	32.6	26.2
Personal and other services	37.2	42.8	37.8	41.5	38.7	37.6
Total	939.0	954.2	941.0	929.5	940.0	953.3
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	93.4	78.5	77.1	86.6	85.3	82.7
Mining	*3.9	*3.1	5.6	*3.8	*3.4	*3.5
Manufacturing	341.8	342.4	335.8	357.4	340.0	331.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	15.7	17.6	14.5	16.2	18.3	16.9
Construction	142.5	144.8	150.3	142.2	147.3	151.1
Wholesale trade	145.7	145.9	126.4	126.7	124.4	134.7
Retail trade	308.7	308.9	326.6	337.6	334.5	336.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	89.1	90.4	89.8	86.3	86.3	87.1
Transport and storage	97.6	88.9	95.3	100.6	94.2	96.4
Communication services	34.8	39.0	39.6	39.4	41.9	42.0
Finance and insurance	88.7	98.7	101.6	90.5	80.7	76.5
Property and business services	244.5	258.1	260.5	246.3	263.3	285.8
Government administration and defence	72.0	76.1	72.0	66.8	67.5	66.3
Education	146.2	136.2	131.7	124.4	146.5	151.5
Health and community services	201.3	196.4	200.4	202.0	186.6	177.1
Cultural and recreational services	52.8	54.0	54.6	51.4	60.0	58.5
Personal and other services	82.9	82.1	78.0	82.8	80.2	80.9
Total	2 161.6	2 161.1	2 159.8	2 160.8	2 160.3	2 179.0

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

	Vacancies all persons	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00
August	17.6	0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7	0.84
November	26.9	*1.2	*25.7	1.9	25.0	1.30
1999						
February	12.5	*1.0	*11.5	*2.4	10.2	0.61
May	17.6	*1.9	*15.7	2.5	15.1	0.90
August	24.7	n.a.	n.a.	3.0	21.8	1.26

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly); Unpublished data, Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost		
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	
								no.	'000
Month	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1998									
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	—	0.4	18.3
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
August	14	15	12.3	12.5	0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8
October	11	12	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.0	—	1.4	3.8
November	15	16	12.7	12.8	3.9	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.4
December	19	21	3.1	4.6	2.8	1.4	—	1.3	5.5
1999									
January	5	8	1.3	1.7	2.6	0.5	—	1.2	4.3
February	17	20	2.5	3.7	1.4	1.5	—	1.7	4.7
March	29	32	3.6	4.2	7.3	1.0	—	1.3	9.6
April	r 15	r 21	r 13.9	r 14.8	7.1	13.0	—	1.8	21.9
May	r 20	r 22	3.3	r 3.6	r 7.2	0.1	0.1	1.2	r 8.5
June	21	23	10.8	11.2	13.1	1.2	0.1	1.0	15.4

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40
1999									
February	769.20	823.70	710.90	658.10	673.20	474.40	729.00	769.20	600.30
May	783.00	835.00	717.60	666.20	679.80	486.50	740.60	778.60	608.00

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Period	Melbourne									Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups	
	Household equipment and operation				Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups		
	Food	Clothing	Housing								
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3	
1997–98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3	
1998–99	125.1	108.1	86.7	115.1	120.8	166.9	161.1	129.6	120.9	121.8	
1998											
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3	
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0	
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3	
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9	
1999											
March qtr	125.8	107.5	87.3	114.7	119.9	167.6	155.7	131.0	121.0	121.8	
June qtr	126.7	107.8	87.5	115.1	121.6	169.1	156.6	129.8	121.5	122.3	

Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1998–1999						Weighted average of six state capital cities—Jun qtr 1999
	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.3	117.1	118.0	118.1	117.7	117.4	119.2
Other than house building							
Structural timber	110.1	115.6	116.2	117.7	116.6	112.0	123.8
Clay bricks	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.6	119.6	119.3	120.6
Ready mix concrete	111.5	111.4	112.9	113.5	112.5	113.2	105.7
Precast concrete products	110.3	115.7	123.9	122.6	126.6	122.7	124.0
Steel decking and cladding	109.2	109.4	108.0	108.3	108.1	107.2	114.1
Structural steel	104.2	104.9	104.9	104.8	104.9	105.0	113.6
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.7	100.8	99.5	99.9	99.1	98.5	108.8
Aluminium windows	100.6	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.1	101.6	111.1
Fabricated steel products	116.7	120.0	124.7	124.6	124.6	125.1	118.1
Builders' hardware	116.5	119.6	122.7	122.2	122.9	124.4	124.9
Sand and aggregate	115.9	116.3	120.5	119.6	121.3	121.3	122.0
Carpet	101.6	102.6	100.1	99.9	99.6	98.8	101.5
Paint and other coatings	145.8	144.7	153.8	155.0	154.9	156.6	144.8
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	111.5	113.0	111.2	111.8	111.8	111.8	126.8
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	110.0	111.0	112.3	112.3	112.2	112.5	114.6
All electrical materials	112.0	109.8	112.4	111.8	114.3	114.8	119.7
All mechanical services	115.0	114.9	118.2	118.4	118.9	119.2	118.1
All plumbing materials	120.1	122.8	122.8	123.0	122.7	122.5	125.9
All groups	110.9	111.4	113.2	113.2	113.3	113.7	115.4

Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996-97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 397.2
1997-98	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.7	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998-99	1 752.4	724.7	3 071.5	6 681.1	1 572.8
1998					
May	141.2	41.5	184.2	479.3	144.0
June	147.4	64.3	204.5	482.9	149.6
July	156.6	103.2	220.3	582.7	157.1
August	122.6	164.1	190.5	538.7	134.6
September	141.8	168.9	216.3	623.5	135.4
October	160.6	83.6	275.9	581.6	131.1
November	159.9	21.3	291.4	595.9	129.7
December	161.0	10.1	252.3	606.8	143.3
1999					
January	155.6	5.9	256.9	554.6	102.8
February	161.4	6.0	296.0	538.1	111.0
March	146.1	15.0	314.3	574.6	132.9
April	128.3	24.5	263.9	510.4	126.6
May	134.3	43.8	262.6	466.3	135.2
June	124.3	78.1	231.0	508.0	133.1
July	r 125.5	95.3	244.3	554.6	127.1
August	117.3	189.4	232.5	543.3	123.0

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1996-97	373 819	14 293	55 545	111 403	99 226
1997-98	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 504
1998-99	398 241	14 467	61 477	119 168	114 581
1998					
May	30 113	831	3 517	9 111	10 383
June	31 257	1 315	3 903	9 101	11 038
July	34 735	1 978	4 330	11 183	11 560
August	27 301	3 230	3 785	10 331	9 732
September	31 706	3 311	4 397	11 989	9 923
October	36 345	1 667	5 756	11 364	9 713
November	36 593	479	5 951	11 795	9 268
December	36 318	251	5 173	10 452	9 751
1999					
January	35 430	149	5 200	10 571	7 449
February	38 184	153	5 815	10 339	8 035
March	33 412	332	6 217	11 110	9 635
April	30 360	497	5 104	9 786	9 527
May	30 429	878	5 121	9 085	10 164
June	27 428	1 542	4 628	9 963	9 824
July r	28 156	1 820	4 926	10 978	9 358
August	26 338	3 677	4 751	10 373	9 211

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

Period	New dwelling units(a)												Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)			
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.			Private sector	Total	Total	Total all building
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION															
1996–97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2				
1997–98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8				
1998–99	28 615	3 549.8	661	49.6	29 266	3 599.4	1 555	800.3	1 918.6	2 642.2	7 042.1				
1998															
May	2 246	267.7	122	9.3	2 368	277.0	224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5				
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7	64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7				
July	2 226	257.1	45	3.0	2 271	260.1	134	62.7	142.1	162.2	485.0				
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5	192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2				
September	2 335	282.5	33	2.3	2 368	284.9	77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.7				
October	2 287	300.5	74	5.0	2 361	305.5	51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.4				
November	2 282	287.0	57	3.7	2 339	290.7	351	76.2	179.5	236.0	602.9				
December	2 524	302.7	54	5.7	2 578	308.4	145	60.5	107.1	133.7	502.6				
1999															
January	1 708	210.4	125	8.8	1 833	219.1	22	41.6	87.9	153.8	414.5				
February	2 785	353.4	51	3.1	2 826	356.5	229	73.7	109.3	206.7	636.9				
March	2 554	326.1	37	4.0	2 591	330.1	103	75.3	159.7	226.8	632.3				
April	2 447	281.9	52	3.4	2 499	285.3	160	72.3	126.8	157.4	515.0				
May	2 642	337.1	37	2.4	2 679	339.5	48	63.0	174.4	202.0	604.5				
June	2 449	320.8	45	4.0	2 494	324.8	43	69.2	108.4	125.1	519.1				
July	2 747	352.0	88	6.3	2 835	358.3	194	92.2	183.6	208.6	659.2				
August	3 768	494.0	39	4.3	3 807	498.3	78	86.1	159.2	226.2	810.7				
TOTAL VICTORIA															
1996–97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2				
1997–98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8				
1998–99	37 194	4 482.8	894	66.9	38 088	4 550.0	1 616	951.2	2 262.4	3 125.8	8 626.7				
1998															
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6	255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7				
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0	66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3				
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3	138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9				
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9	196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0				
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2	85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0				
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3	55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4				
November	2 991	362.4	91	6.5	3 082	368.9	357	90.5	204.2	267.9	727.2				
December	3 081	361.1	61	6.3	3 142	367.4	159	70.2	136.2	177.4	614.9				
1999															
January	2 297	274.0	155	10.9	2 452	284.9	23	52.4	111.6	184.6	521.8				
February	3 469	431.8	83	5.5	3 552	437.4	232	86.9	129.8	255.7	780.0				
March	3 467	425.2	61	5.5	3 528	430.7	109	90.5	188.4	275.0	796.3				
April	3 196	365.7	57	3.8	3 253	369.5	163	85.7	146.3	183.9	639.0				
May	3 516	436.2	42	3.1	3 558	439.3	52	74.4	202.3	241.6	755.4				
June	3 214	408.5	51	4.6	3 265	413.2	47	83.4	156.3	183.2	679.8				
July	3 565	444.8	134	9.2	3 699	454.0	194	105.2	211.9	248.2	807.4				
August	4 619	587.3	66	6.5	4 685	593.8	85	101.9	204.5	282.8	978.5				

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: *Building Approvals, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed
			construction				construction	
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1995–96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996–97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997–98	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
1997								
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	6 034	11 512	5 242	1 938	1 924	4 806	1 220
June qtr	7 807	7 165	12 368	6 239	1 747	1 894	5 148	1 561
September qtr	7 526	7 362	12 740	6 951	1 706	2 000	5 404	1 700
December qtr	6 873	7 399	13 127	6 995	2 375	1 682	5 175	1 906
1999								
March qtr	7 071	6 445	13 967	5 550	2 461	2 119	5 829	1 446

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings			Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education		Health	Other	Total
						\$m	\$m			
COMMENCED										
1995–96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330.0	108.4	953.5	5 644.8	
1996–97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1	
1997–98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4	
1997										
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4	
1998										
March qtr	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0	
June qtr	1 083.5	251.9	259.4	45.0	119.2	79.4	67.7	225.2	2 131.3	
September qtr	1 126.0	221.9	111.3	54.9	102.5	132.6	26.7	225.3	2 001.3	
December qtr	1 066.4	291.0	137.8	79.9	136.2	175.6	95.1	429.7	2 411.7	
1999										
March qtr	1 035.0	223.5	71.2	64.0	98.3	97.0	39.1	184.6	1 812.7	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD										
1995–96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0	
1996–97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
1997–98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
1997										
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6	
1998										
March qtr	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5	
June qtr	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
September qtr	2 426.8	412.1	461.0	124.2	237.1	420.3	210.4	1 464.6	5 756.6	
December qtr	2 430.6	450.5	427.2	134.7	253.1	489.2	257.4	1 566.8	6 009.6	
1999										
March qtr	2 677.2	485.5	399.3	139.5	212.3	523.4	242.2	1 475.6	6 154.8	
COMPLETED										
1995–96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9	
1996–97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8	
1997–98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4	
1997										
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1	
1998										
March qtr	681.2	227.7	99.6	61.9	85.6	131.1	96.8	201.6	1 585.7	
June qtr	870.5	216.7	67.4	67.2	91.8	67.6	32.4	198.6	1 612.1	
September qtr	997.9	236.8	88.8	77.0	108.3	33.2	103.7	247.0	1 892.7	
December qtr	1 080.2	259.6	179.9	70.0	139.6	107.3	51.6	340.7	2 229.1	
1999										
March qtr	816.5	202.2	100.1	62.5	148.6	67.2	56.1	295.7	1 748.9	

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1997-98	833	3 401	6 810	11 044	2 859	8 186
1998-99	1 234	2 951	7 166	11 351	3 208	8 143
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr	212	965	1 822	2 998	765	2 233
September qtr	319	715	1 843	2 876	861	2 015
December qtr r	288	780	1 900	2 968	820	2 149
1999						
March qtr r	321	653	1 665	2 639	862	1 776
June qtr	306	803	1 758	2 867	666	2 202
EXPECTED						
1998-99	1 340	3 362	7 060	11 761	3 460	8 301
1999-2000	631	3 008	4 587	8 227	1 754	6 473

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities						Type of lender			
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998										
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8	615.4
June	100.3	628.8	140.0	115.5	1 154.9	2 139.5	1 440.2	3 579.8	3 085.4	494.4
July	112.8	527.1	156.0	100.2	1 112.3	2 008.4	2 243.1	4 251.5	3 570.6	680.9
August	87.4	391.1	113.9	169.3	451.3	1 212.9	2 182.6	3 395.5	2 912.4	483.1
September	113.1	461.6	185.7	78.8	714.5	1 553.6	1 488.9	3 042.5	2 438.7	603.8
October	85.2	461.3	181.2	91.0	441.0	1 259.8	2 389.8	3 649.6	2 889.9	759.7
November	184.9	456.8	182.7	148.7	1 031.2	2 004.4	1 394.7	3 399.1	2 857.4	541.7
December	68.8	477.2	208.3	269.3	956.5	1 980.1	2 742.8	4 722.9	3 681.9	1 041.1
1999										
January	38.8	358.9	138.8	51.2	461.8	1 049.5	1 220.7	2 270.3	2 102.2	168.0
February	90.4	384.5	176.4	74.5	852.9	1 578.6	2 593.6	4 172.2	3 081.1	1 091.2
March	110.5	477.6	190.6	329.7	1 220.7	2 329.2	2 467.0	4 796.2	3 984.1	812.2
April	82.5	469.2	170.8	79.0	501.9	1 303.4	1 361.5	2 664.9	2 104.1	560.8
May	183.6	508.8	157.4	39.4	771.1	1 660.2	1 569.8	3 230.1	2 837.0	393.1
June r	171.3	623.3	211.8	88.4	2 189.9	3 284.7	1 748.3	5 033.0	4 695.6	337.4
July	137.8	521.0	155.2	14.9	684.6	1 513.4	1 987.2	3 500.6	3 075.5	425.0

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998						
May	9 986	1 063	10 019	1 062	9 977	1 056
June	11 123	1 183	10 355	1 098	9 887	1 053
July	10 629	1 155	9 819	1 067	9 756	1 046
August	9 249	1 013	9 311	1 014	9 637	1 043
September	9 637	1 041	9 418	1 021	9 553	1 048
October	9 649	1 060	9 438	1 046	9 542	1 067
November	9 513	1 109	10 027	1 129	9 657	1 103
December	9 860	1 160	9 646	1 145	9 915	1 157
1999						
January	8 095	983	10 361	1 247	r 10 258	r 1 221
February	9 727	1 154	9 892	1 198	r 10 565	r 1 278
March	12 455	1 520	11 335	1 377	r 10 767	r 1 320
April	11 014	1 348	11 404	1 410	r 10 844	r 1 345
May	10 896	1 389	10 989	1 365	r 10 810	r 1 357
June r	11 305	1 445	10 215	1 334	10 704	1 358
July	10 525	1 333	10 134	1 294	10 531	1 350

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
June	1 012.9	211.0	168.4	289.7	121.7	252.2	295.4	2 351.3
July	1 097.3	254.5	183.7	304.3	135.7	270.0	316.8	2 562.1
August	1 072.3	212.7	165.6	295.0	144.7	269.2	323.5	2 483.1
September	1 067.9	227.9	168.8	310.5	150.5	272.8	323.5	2 521.9
October	1 152.0	251.6	176.7	330.0	149.1	297.2	337.0	2 693.7
November	1 110.4	284.8	192.7	314.8	158.0	305.5	332.7	2 698.8
December	1 298.4	498.8	286.1	421.4	232.0	402.0	379.2	3 517.9
1999								
January	1 160.7	224.5	171.0	320.9	148.9	260.0	349.2	2 635.3
February	1 058.0	185.9	151.8	291.5	130.9	256.8	333.4	2 408.2
March	1 166.9	233.5	194.9	308.0	145.3	313.4	372.3	2 734.2
April	1 121.6	236.6	205.5	311.4	139.3	296.2	386.6	2 697.2
May	1 130.3	253.5	207.1	324.0	138.5	288.0	387.9	2 729.2
June	1 089.6	220.4	208.8	319.1	142.0	299.6	382.0	2 661.4
July	1 170.3	263.4	209.4	320.8	r 135.3	318.3	r 427.2	r 2 844.6
August	1 138.2	221.3	200.9	321.3	138.3	310.9	411.7	2 742.6

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

Section	1998-99		2 months ending August 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 313	r 3 913	212	603
1 Beverages and tobacco	134	166	21	30
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	585	1 395	90	176
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	1 150	798	232	188
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	108	r 107	12	13
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	3 247	976	506	168
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 470	2 421	784	419
7 Machinery and transport equipment	r 13 489	2 908	2 355	532
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 344	1 043	1 036	190
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	1 175	r 2 768	163	285
Total	r 31 015	r 16 495	5 411	2 604

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: *Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttracs Database*.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1997-98		1998-99		2 months ending August 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Belgium-Luxembourg	243	91	239	102	38	19
Brazil	134	76	118	48	19	6
Canada	390	122	392	125	72	18
China	2 154	624	2 537	669	531	133
Fiji	133	245	r 180	242	33	46
Finland	193	12	188	9	33	1
France	631	168	619	131	101	21
Germany	2 116	268	r 2 341	407	388	55
Hong Kong	338	1 073	431	r 900	69	91
India	256	188	261	192	47	30
Indonesia	637	325	1 078	225	140	45
Italy	963	396	1 038	288	169	38
Japan	3 847	1 686	4 134	1 676	747	273
Korea, Republic of	882	1 039	847	862	150	176
Malaysia	668	517	873	430	163	95
Mexico	80	77	103	90	20	7
Netherlands	254	81	292	109	48	14
New Zealand	1 311	1 552	1 333	1 653	273	288
Pakistan	97	87	87	44	12	4
Papua New Guinea	163	235	64	188	9	27
Philippines	135	388	157	388	25	57
Saudi Arabia	107	268	107	511	17	98
Singapore	492	989	510	1 084	87	205
South Africa	147	272	125	216	27	39
Sweden	585	41	598	25	112	3
Switzerland	277	24	335	34	55	6
Taiwan	852	657	905	919	157	111
Thailand	400	341	523	343	103	57
United Kingdom	1 694	453	r 1 839	1 169	290	75
United States of America	7 027	1 603	r 6 891	1 469	1 111	291
Other and unknown	1 645	2 040	1 870	1 947	365	275
Total	28 851	15 938	r 31 015	r 16 495	5 411	2 604

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: *Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database*.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Excess of exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m r	Excess of exports \$m r
1996–97	25 093	16 306	–8 787	78 998	78 932	–66
1997–98	28 851	15 938	–12 913	90 684	87 770	–2 914
1998–99 r	31 015	16 495	–14 520	97 614	86 043	–11 571
1998						
June	2 657	1 209	–1 448	8 466	7 732	–734
July	2 841	1 375	–1 466	8 905	7 476	–1 429
August	2 669	1 538	–1 131	8 145	7 753	–392
September	2 772	1 424	–1 348	8 544	7 604	–940
October	2 871	1 446	r –1 425	9 002	7 816	–1 186
November	2 552	1 309	–1 243	8 535	7 291	–1 244
December	2 505	1 431	–1 074	7 820	7 898	78
1999						
January	2 300	1 190	–1 110	7 231	6 302	–929
February	2 274	1 218	–1 056	7 111	6 245	–866
March	2 855	1 506	r –1 349	8 699	7 334	–1 365
April	2 393	1 342	–1 051	7 731	6 435	–1 296
May r	2 330	1 383	–947	7 749	6 980	–769
June r	2 653	1 333	–1 320	8 142	6 909	–1 233
July r	2 664	1 255	–1 409	8 179	7 134	–1 045
August	2 748	1 348	–1 400	8 874	7 337	–1 537

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
		no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.
1997							
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207
1999							
March	686	30 160	83 420	1 680.8	62.0	21 129	195 573
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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